

ABSTRACT

There is provided a video display function that enables the user to effectually view video. When a plurality of video signals are displayed on a screen, processes are carried out to set at least one pattern of the information about the arrangement of the plurality of video signals on the screen, display a list of the set arrangement information, select at least one pattern of the arrangement information from the displayed arrangement information list, and reproduce the video signals on the screen according to the selected arrangement information. Moreover, there is provided a video distribution system for distributing video signals through a network to client terminals. The video distribution system manages a plurality of user accounts, holds user information of each user account, acquires the previous access time of the user account associated with the client terminal currently keeping to login to the system according to the user information held by the system, and transmits to the client terminal the information of whether any alarm-recorded video exists after the acquired previous access time.